(b) with what results?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Efforts have been made to arrive at negotiated settlements in the pending inter-State Water disputes. The issues continue to be under discussions.

Manufacturing of rakes and power generation

*333. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to shelve the introduction of new trains for want of additional rakes and power disregarding the passenger needs and urgency of cargo movement; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to boost the manufacture of rakes and augment power generation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir. A balanced policy is followed by the Government in regard to meeting various needs of the economy including passenger traffic, movement of essential commodities etc. within the available resources.

(b) To increase the availability of coaches the production capacity of Integral Coach Factory is planned to be increased to 1000 coaches per year in a phased manner. It is also proposed to set up a new coach factory for manufacture of another one thousand coaches per annum. The subject of power generation does not concern the Railway Ministry.

Reported creation of mixed Battalions in the Army

*334. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Misister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Blitz of the 27th July, 1985 to the effect that Government propose to create mixed battalions to reorganise the Army;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No such news item has appeared in the Blitz of the 27th July, 1985.

(b) and (c) Reorganisation of Army battalions is an on-going Process and is kept under review according to the requirements of national security. It is not in the public interest to disclose details in this regard.

Branches of All India Council of Technical Education

*335. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council of Technical Education has its branches in different regions; if so, the location thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons for not decentralising and delegating certain routine activities to regional offices enabling them to have better interaction with educational institutions in the regions?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) For the proper discharge of its functions, the All India Council for Technical Education has set up four

Regional Committees for the four regions in which the country is divided. To act as their secretariat and service these regional committees, four Regional Offices of the Ministry have been set up for the respective regions which are located at Calcutta, Bombay, Kanpur and Madras. In addition to routine activities important activities concerning the development of technical education, which can be dealt with at the regional level, have been delegated to the Regional Offices, which provide them all the opportunities to have close interaction with technical institutions in the respective regions.

Proposal regarding Adoption of one child 'Norm' in Family Planning.

*336. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to adopt one child norm in family planning; and

(b) if so, what guidelines were sent to the State Governments and the Union territory administrations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The present policy of the Government is to promote a two child family norm. However, based on the recommendations of the Tenth Joint Conference of Central Council of Health and Central Family Welfare Council, the State Governments/Union Territories have been advised to take a conscious decision in regard to providing sterilisation services to highly motivated couples who want sterilisation after one living child, keeping in view the local circumstances and related socio-cultural circumstances of their States/Union Territory.

Effect of Yoga on Health

*337. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any research on effect of yoga on health; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the allocation of funds for building, training and increasing the number of yoga instructors and also the number of beds at the hospitals in the Vishwayatan Yoga Ashram, New Delhi; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have established Central Research Institute for Yoga and Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy which are engaged in research on the effect of yoga on various aspects of health.

The Central Research Institute of Yoga is engaged in clinical evaluation of Yoga therapy by conducting investigations on patients suffering from (a) Diabetes, (b) Bronchial Asthama, (c) Arthritis (d) Gostro-intestinal disorders (e) Obesity and (f) Hypertension.

The Central Council of Research in Yoga and Naturopathy conducts research in Yoga and Naturopathy through selected grant-in-aid Institutions/Centres. 10 Research Insti-